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REFS: A. STATE 066581, B. DACCA 1998, C. DACCA 2033,  
D. STATE 087028, E. 77 STATE 309883, F. DACCA 1646,  
G. DACCA 1997

1. SUMMARY: BDG HAS APPROVED PROPOSED DRAFT AMENDMENT TO  
FY 78 PL-480 TITLE I AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 13, 1978, AS  
AMENDED MARCH 3, WITH RESPECT TO THE ADDITIONAL 100,000 TONS  
OF WHEAT. WE HAVE NOT YET COMPLETED AGREEMENT ON DRAFT  
LANGUAGE FOR 30,000 TONS OF VEGETABLE OIL AND THEREFORE PLAN  
TO SIGN A LATER, SEPARATE AMENDMENT FOR VETETABLE OIL. WE  
PLAN TO PROCEED WITH SIGNATURE OF AMENDMENT FOR WHEAT ONLY ON  
TUESDAY, APRIL 11. LANGUAGE FOR MINUTES TO SATISFY HUMAN  
RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING USE OF ADDITIONAL WHEAT  
FOLLOWS. MISSION REQUESTS IMMEDIATELY UPDATED MARKET VALUE  
OF WHEAT. END SUMMARY.

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2. AS REQUESTED IN DEPARTMENT'S REF (D), PROPOSED  
DRAFT MINUTES FOR WHEAT AMENDMENT REFLECT U.S./BDG  
UNDERSTANDING THAT THE ADDITIONAL 100,000 TONS OF WHEAT  
WILL BE USED IN A MANNER THAT SATISFAIES HUMAN RIGHTS  
REQUIREMENTS. LANGUAGE FROM PROPOSED DRAFT MINUTES,  
WHICH CLOSELY APPROXIMATES LANGUAGE PROVIDED BY DEPART-  
MENT'S REF (E) FOR AGREED MINUTES TO THE JANUARY 13,

1978 TITLE I AGREEMENT FOLLOWS.

QUOTE. USG OFFICIALS EMPHASIZED THAT THE REQUIREMENT IN PART II, ITEM IV OF THE FY 1978 PL-480 TITLE I AGREEMENT DATED JANUARY 13, 1978 AND THE ELABORATION THEREOF IN PARAGRAPH 6 OF THE AGREED MINUTES OF THE SAME DATE CONCERNING THE USE OF COMMODITIES FOR NEEDY PEOPLE AND THE REQUIREMENT FOR REPORTING ON SUCH USE ALSO APPLIES UNDER THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT TO THE 100,000 TONS OF WHEAT TO BE PROVIDED UNDER THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT. THE BDG OFFICIALS AFFIRMED THAT AN AMOUNT OF WHEAT AT LEAST EQUIVALENT TO THE 100,000 TONS TO BE PROVIDED UNDER THE AMENDMENT WOULD BE SUPPLIED TO NEEDY PEOPLE AT CONCESSIONAL PRICES THROUGH THE MODIFIED RATION SYSTEM DURING THE 12-MONTH PERIOD FROM THE DATE OF SIGNATURE OF THE AGREEMENT. BDG OFFICIALS NOTED THAT UNDER THIS SYSTEM FOOD IS DISTRIBUTED TO POOR PEOPLE PRIMARILY IN RURAL AREAS.

USG OFFICIALS FURTHER REMINDED BDG OFFICIALS, WITH REFERENCE TO THE REQUIREMENT IN ITEM IV, PART II OF THE FY 1978 TITLE I AGREEMENT FOR A REPORT ON THE USE OF COMMODITY OR PROCEEDS, THAT THE REPORT SHOULD INCLUDE THE USE OF THE ADDITIONAL 100,000 TONS OF WHEAT TO BE PROVIDED UNDER THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT. THEY NOTED FURTHER THAT THIS STATEMENT SHOULD CONTAIN SUFFICIENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DETAIL TO SUPPORT A REASONABLE CONCLUSION THAT NEEDY PEOPLE ARE THE BENEFICIARIES. UNQUOTE.

3. SINCE THIS LANGUAGE IS VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL TO PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED MINUTES (REF E) CONCERNING THE USE OF THE FIRST 100,000 TONS OF WHEAT UNDER THE JANUARY 13, 1978 TITLE I AGREEMENT, WE ASSUME IT MEETS HUMAN RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS.

4. AGREED MINUTES WILL ALSO INCORPORATE TEXT OF USAID DIRECTOR TONER'S LETTER DATED MARCH 16, 1978 AND SECRETARY MUHITH'S REPLY DATED MARCH 31, 1978, CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TITLE I AGREEMENT. (REFS F AND G)

5. BDG HAS PROPOSED CERTAIN CHANGES TO SELF-HELP LANGUAGE IN THE DRAFT RELATING TO USE OF THE 30,000 TONS OF VEGETABLE OIL TO BE PROVIDED UNDER AMENDMENT IN ORDER TO MEET HUMAN RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS. WE ARE TRANSMITTING PROPOSED CHANGES BY SEPTEL.

6. FOR REASONS CITED IN REF (C), IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO PROMPTLY CONCLUDE AN AMENDMENT FOR THE 100,000

ADDITIONAL TONS OF WHEATE. SINCE WASHINGTON CLEARANCES OF CHANGES IN THE TEXT CONCERNING VEGETABLE OIL WILL TAKE TIME AND IN VIEW OF LEGAL REQUIREMENT FOR 72 HOURS NOTICE -- EXCLUDING WEEKENDS -- OF SIGNATURE DATE AFTER ALL DRAFT LANGUAGE HAS BEEN CLEARED, WE PLAN TO PROCEED WITH SINGATURE OF AN AMENDMENT FOR THE WHEAT ONLY ON TUESDAY, APRIL 11 AT 10:30 A.M. TEXT OF AMENDMENT WILL BE LIMITED TO THE LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTIONS IN REF (A) PARA 3 CONCERNING WHEAT AND REVISED DOLLAR VALUE OF COTTON.

7. UPON RECEIPT OF WAHSINGTON CLEARANCE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN VEGETABLE OIL SELF-HELP LANGUAGE BEING SENT BY SEPTEL, WE WILL SIGN ANOTHER AMENDMENT COVERING THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VEGETABLE OIL. HAL NORTON, WHO ISNOW IN DACCA, CONCURS IN THIS APPROACH.

8. ACTION REQUESTED USDA: NORTON ADVISES THAT MARKET VALUE OF WHEAT HAS CHANGED SINCE REF (A) NEGOITATING INSTRUCTIONS WERE ISSUED; NEW DOLLAR VALUE THEREFORE MUST BE INSERTED IN THE AGREEMENT BEFORE SIGNATURE. PLEASE ADVISE NEW MARKET VALUE FOR WHAT BY IMMEDIATE RETURN CABLE SO THAT WE MAY SIGN AMENDMENT FOR 100,000 TONS ON TUESDAY, APRIL 11. THIS MESSAGE REPRESENTS 72 HOURS NOTICE TO WASHINGTON OF OUR INTENTION TO EXCHANGE NOTES CONTAINING THE WHAT AMENDMENT.

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